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**Board of Health Pesticide Ordinance Work Session
March 31, 2008**

The meeting was commenced at 5:00p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008 at the Ethan Allen Residence. Present were Chair Sousie, Members' Crete, Galbraith, Hart, Vos; Staff Assistant Mainello. Other's present were: Maurie Bartlett, TruGreen Chemlawn and Alice Beisiege, Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association.

1. Ground Rules:

Chair Sousie announced the ground rules of the meeting and reiterated to the public that this meeting is a work session for the board it is not a regular meeting. The regular Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at the DPW conference room.

2. Public Comments:

Maurie Bartlett:

Explained to the board that he was not able to locate the board of health agenda, he looked on the board's website and noticed that it was not posted. Sousie explained that he and Mainello had placed a work order for the posting. Mainello would follow up the IT department to check the status of posting and make sure the next agenda would be posted in a timely manner.

Bartlett also requested copies of minutes form the January and March meetings. Sousie explained that the January and March minutes are in draft form and have not been approved by the board. Mainello will provide Bartlett with draft minutes.

Bartlett informed the board that TruGreen ChemLawn has taken appropriate measures to use alternatives such as corn gluten. TruGreen ChemLawn has also designed an organic program for their clients and would only like to spot treat problematic areas with pesticides/ herbicides.

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Bartlett also posed a question to the board, and asked if the general public is aware of the boards intention to eliminate the use off all pesticides/ herbicides within the city.

Bartlett explained to the board that during the winter the company does a follow up with their clients. The company looks to help them the next season an during these follow ups, Bartlett has noticed that customers generally do not understand why TruGreen Chemlawn cannot help with lawn problems. Once Bartlett explains the restrictions the company is faced with the general consensus over their customer is “if they cant do it, they will do it themselves”. Bartlett stated that the general public is not aware and there is a significant about the current pesticide/herbicide ordinance.

In closing Bartlett stated to the board that the products they use are are requesting to use in the Buffer zone have been tested and he has had applicators working for this company for over 20 years and they have not been sick.

Chair Sousie offered a brief remark to Bartlett’s comments and stated that the board encourages TruGreen Chemlawn to apart of the board’s effort and not to view the board as an adversary.

Alice Beisiegel:

Beisiegel stated that she had no comment at this time.

3. Consideration of Existing Ordinance and Proposed Amendments:

Cover letter:

The board read through Chair Sousie’s draft cover letter and made one change to paragraph two, sentence one.

Proposed Amendments:

The board read through and made corrections to the proposed ordinance changes.

Chair Sousie stated that he would make the corrections and send a revised copy to the board. At the April meeting the board with make a motion to approve the revised ordinance to the city attorney’s office for review.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.